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## **CHANGES IN CERTAIN DANGEROUS CARGOES (CDC) DEFINITIONS & NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL (NOA) REQUIREMENTS**

This Port Community Information Bulletin (PCIB) is to inform owners and operators of vessels and facilities that the Coast Guard, through rulemaking, is changing the definition of Certain Dangerous Cargo (CDC) to include ammonium nitrate and certain ammonium nitrate based fertilizers, in bulk, as well as propylene oxide, alone or mixed with ethylene oxide, in bulk. This change is necessary to promote maritime safety and security and facilitate the uninterrupted flow of commerce by increasing the Coast Guard's ability to maintain awareness of these cargoes. These changes affect 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 104, 105, and 160. This temporary final rule is effective from September 17, 2004, through March 20, 2006 at which time it will become permanent.

The Coast Guard is imposing Notice of Arrival (NOA) requirements in 33 CFR part 160 for shipments of two additional types of cargo added to the definition of CDC. The first is ammonium nitrate and ammonium nitrate based fertilizers, in bulk, listed as Division 5.1 materials in 49 CFR 172.101. The second is propylene oxide, alone or mixed with ethylene oxide, in bulk. These cargoes have been added to the definition of CDC in Sec. 160.204. This change will require vessels carrying these cargoes to provide all required NOA information to the U.S. Coast Guard as outlined in the Federal Register on Friday, February 28, 2003. This change will increase maritime security and safety and enable the U.S. Coast Guard to reduce the risk of a transportation security incident.

The CDC temporary final rule and the final rule regarding Notification of Arrival in U. S. Ports can be viewed in their entirety by going to <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>.

If you have questions or comments regarding this bulletin please contact my Prevention Department at (813) 228-2191 extension 8142.

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